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BUCHAREST, NOVEMBER 3 -- U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER WILL BEGIN A TRIP TO THE MIDDLE EAST NOVEMBER 5 TO SOUND OUT WITH LEADERS OF FOUR ARAB STATES AND ISRAEL WHAT POSSIBILITIES EXIST FOR FURTHER PEACE NEGOTIATIONS IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE RABAT SUMMIT DECLARATION THAT NAMED THE PALESTINIAN LIBERATION ORGANIZATION (PLO) THE SOLE REPRESENTATIVE OF PALESTINIANS.

ABOARD HIS PLANE IN FLIGHT NOVEMBER 3 FROM IRAN TO ROMANIA, DR. KISSINGER SAID THE "PURPOSE" OF HIS RETURN TO THE MIDDLE EAST IN LESS THAN A MONTH "IS TO CONSULT WITH ALL THE PARTIES...ABOUT THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE RABAT SUMMIT AND POSSIBLE NEXT STEPS TOWARDS A MIDDLE EAST PEACE."

ON NOVEMBER 5 HE WILL GO FROM ROME -- WHERE HE IS TO DELIVER A MAJOR SPEECH TO THE WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE -- TO CAIRO. HE WILL OVERNIGHT IN EGYPT, GO TO RIYADH, SAUDI ARABIA, THE NEXT AFTERNOON, AND SPEND THE NIGHT IN AMMAN, JORDAN, NOVEMBER 6. THE MORNING OF NOVEMBER 7 HE WILL BE IN DAMASCUS, SYRIA, AND FLY ON THE SAME  
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DAY TO JERUSALEM FOR AN OVERNIGHT STOP.

DR. KISSINGER WILL DECIDE BY NOVEMBER 4 WHETHER HE WILL GO FROM THE MIDDLE EAST TO ANKARA, TURKEY, ON HIS WAY BACK TO THE UNITED STATES.

THE NEXT STAGE FOR NEGOTIATIONS IN THE MIDDLE EAST HAS BECOME MUCH MORE COMPLEX FOLLOWING THE ARAB DECLARATION ON THE PLO OCTOBER

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A SENIOR U.S. OFFICIAL WITH DR. KISSINGER SAID THE SECRETARY OF STATE WANTS TO FIND OUT WHAT FLEXIBILITIES IN NEGOTIATIONS EXIST FOLLOWING THE RABAT DECLARATION.

SECRETARY KISSINGER WANTS TO KNOW, AMONG OTHER THINGS, WHETHER THE RABAT DECISION APPLIES ONLY TO THE PLO AND THE ISRAELI OCCUPIED TERRITORY ON THE WEST BANK OF THE JORDAN RIVER, FORMERLY BELONGING TO JORDAN.

NEWS REPORTS INTERPRETED THE RABAT COMMUNIQUE AS MEANING THAT ANY TERRITORY GIVEN UP BY ISRAEL ON THE WEST BANK WOULD BE TAKEN OVER BY THE PALESTINIANS AS AN INDEPENDENT STATE RUN BY THE PLO.

ISRAEL HAS NOT TURNED DOWN THE POSSIBILITY OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH JORDAN OVER THE WEST BANK, BUT HAS SAID ALL ALONG IT WOULD NOT NEGOTIATE WITH THE PLO. IN TEL AVIV OCTOBER 31 ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER YITZHAK RABIN SAID THAT WITH THE PLO "THERE IS NOTHING TO TALK ABOUT".

THE UNITED STATES VIEW, IT IS UNDERSTOOD, IS THAT ISRAEL WOULD NOT ACCEPT NEGOTIATIONS WITH JORDAN IF A DEAL WAS MADE AT RABAT TO TURN OVER THE WEST BANK TO THE PLO. THAT, IN THE U.S. VIEW, WOULD BE A NON-STARTER AS FAR AS ISRAEL IS CONCERNED.

DESPITE THE ADDED COMPLICATIONS IN THE MIDDLE EAST, THE SENIOR U.S. OFFICIAL SAID, THE CHANCES FOR FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS ARE NOT CLOSED.

BUT IT WAS EMPHASIZED THAT WHAT HAPPENED AT RABAT WAS NOT UNCLASSIFIED

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TOTALLY UNEXPECTED BY DR. KISSINGER AND ALSO THAT THE UNITED STATES HAS NOT BEEN THROWN INTO AN ATMOSPHERE OF GLOOM AND DOOM REGARDING THE MIDDLE EAST. ITEM/KOENIG.  
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